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THE PETS WE KEEP

The *Daily Mirror* Pets Club, with a membership of 206,000, has come up with some interesting facts. For every 100 members, four own one or more dogs, while nearly 30 have cats.

It has also been found that 28 in every 100 own cage-birds, mostly budgerigars; twelve have rabbits and guinea pigs and eleven own fish; and 21 per cent have their pets among ponies, goats, lambs, bush babies, and reptiles.

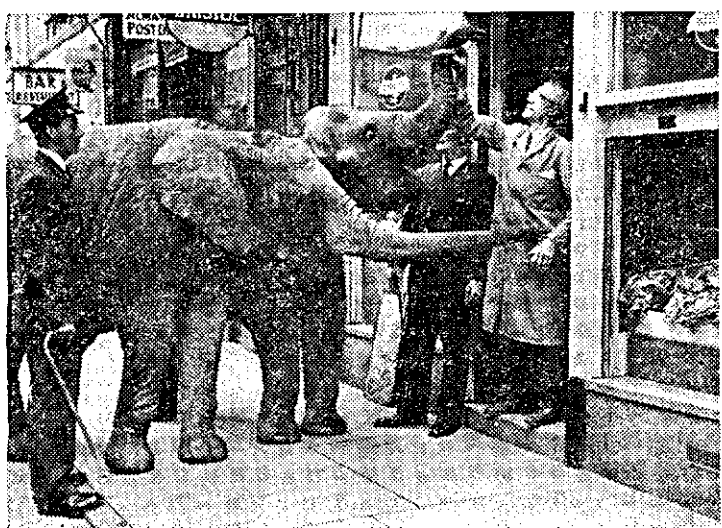
But nine members in every 100 have no pets at all! They joined the club because they just like animals.

HIS MASTER'S VOICE

PERKY, a seal at the Kirby Misperton Zoo, Yorkshire, burrowed a tunnel out of his pen, reached the River Derwent, and headed for the sea. But he was spotted by some anglers, and his keeper, 17-year-old John Callaghan, came to the bank and called him. Apparently unable to resist his friend's voice, Perky swam to the bank and was caught.

BANANA TIME

CHRISTINE, a 3½-year-old African elephant, and her friend, 2½-year-old Wendy, of Bristol Zoo, go to this green-grocer's shop every day for a free helping of bananas!



AH, CES EXAMENS!

(WHICH IS FRENCH FOR "OH, THESE EXAMS!")

CADETS UNDER SAIL

FORTY-NINE Argentine naval cadets have left Buenos Aires in their country's new training ship, the *Libertad*, claimed to be the biggest sailing ship in the world.

It is a tradition in the Argentine Navy that future officers must first gain experience under sail.

On her maiden voyage, lasting 169 days, the *Libertad* will visit eleven countries, and is due in London early in October. She has engines, but will depend on sails for most of her voyage.

WHAT a picture of suffering humanity! These hundreds of boys and girls are sitting for their BEPC exam (*Brevet d'études du premier cycle*) in a huge hall at Nice in the South of France.

The BEPC is an exam taken by French lycée (grammar or high school) students.

Altogether 2,800 of them were present when this picture was taken—1,300 boys and 1,500 girls! Absolute silence is the rule, and teachers can be seen walking up and down between the rows of desks to make sure that it is maintained.

Those who pass the BEPC exam will get a diploma, and

some of them will go on to the more difficult *baccalauréat* examination, which is generally known as the "bac" and which corresponds roughly to our GCE examination.

HOMEWORK AT SCHOOL

A Manchester school now allows its pupils to return to school in the evening to do their homework in peace and quiet. When the idea was introduced, 40 pupils volunteered to do so. Now the number has increased to 70—all taking their GCE.

KNOW YOUR NEWS**UHURU!**

By our Special Correspondent

BRITISH political rule in Africa is now moving into its final phase.

The Cabinet recently agreed that **KENYA**, the last British colony on the East African mainland, is to get uhuru—**independence**—on 12th December.

Independence has also been promised to **NYASALAND**, and is virtually assured for the neighbouring Central African protectorate of **NORTHERN RHODESIA**.

By "independence," we mean that in future these countries will be controlled by African-dominated governments, because their populations are largely African.

The exception is the remaining Central African territory, **SOUTHERN RHODESIA**, which for 40 years has run its own internal affairs under a European (non-African) government.

Its present Prime Minister, Mr. Winston Field, demands that it, too, should become independent—but under its white majority government.

The situation is very complicated. For the past ten years the two Rhodesias and Nyasaland have been members of a Central African federation

ruled largely by white men.

But the federation has failed. Eight million Africans will no longer let the representatives of 300,000 "white settlers" handle their affairs.

So, at a recent conference in Victoria Falls, Southern Rhodesia, the fateful decision was taken to wind up the present federation by 31st December of this year.

Committee work

Two committees were set up. One will work out the "unscrambling" details, such as the division of federal revenues, debts, and armed forces between the three soon-to-be-independent territories. The other will see what economic or other links can be kept between the Rhodesias and Nyasaland.

There are many dangers in the "handing over" process. Already one Commonwealth leader, President Kwame



Nkrumah of Ghana, has warned Britain that a "grave situation" may arise unless she stays on as the Sovereign Power in the colony until control has been successfully assumed by Africans.

And Mr. Duncan Sandys, the Commonwealth Relations and Colonial Secretary, faces similar problems in withdrawing British political control from Kenya and handing over power to Mr. Jomo Kenyatta's government, which represents a majority of Kenya's seven million people, mostly Africans.



Mr. Jomo Kenyatta, as the lion-hunting Masai, of being overwhelmed by Mr.

These problems will come to a head at the London uhuru conference in October. They can be summed up like this:

F E A R S of the smaller tribes, such as the lion-hunting Masai, of being overwhelmed by Mr.

Kenyatta's Kikuyu tribe, the largest in Kenya, from which the governing Kenya Nationalist Union party draws its strength;

REFUSAL of the Somalis in the Northern Frontier District of Kenya to be ruled by Africans. They want to join their brother Somalis of the Somali Republic;

YEARNING of many Moslems in the Coastal Strip of Kenya—who owe allegiance to the Sultan of Zanzibar—to run their own affairs. They, too, do not want to be ruled by Africans.

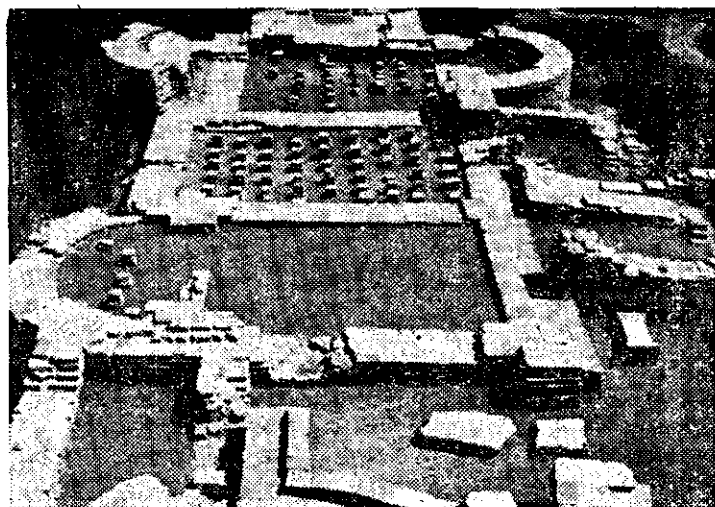
But too gloomy a view must not be taken of the future.

New federation

As the Central African federation breaks up, we shall see a new East African federation come into being under Mr. Kenyatta, embracing Kenya (it is to become a Commonwealth republic), and Uganda (a Commonwealth monarchy).

In time a new African-ruled federation may emerge in Central Africa and link up with the East African federation and with the former Belgian-run States of Rwanda and Urundi (now Burundi).

If this happens, a great new federation absorbing some 32 million Africans—and open to Europeans and Asians as well—will be created.

Readers' Letters**From Božidar of Belgrade**

Dear Sir,—I have been reading CN for three years. I receive it every week and I enjoy it very much.

I live in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, and I would like to have pen-pals throughout the world. My hobbies are collecting stamps, biological books, autographs of well-known persons, view-cards, etc.

Belgrade, the town I live in, is a very nice place. A long time ago it was the capital of the Illyric provinces under the government of the Roman Empire.

The photograph shows an old Roman palace discovered in the town of Sirmium (today Sremska Mitrovica) near Belgrade.

Božidar Curčić, Prvog maja 53/11, Belgrade, Yugoslavia.

Letters from readers are always very welcome. Send them to: The Editor, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4.

The Lion Cubs of Kenya

Dear Sir,—I am Swiss and live in Kenya. I have two brothers and two sisters, and we have a band.

We have played for the Swiss Radio, Kenya TV, and with Cliff Richard at Mitchell Park, Nairobi, in front of 11,000 people.

We have played for three years and all of us are under 16.

I am sending a photo of Agnes (with the trumpet), Rudolf (with the drums), Danielle (at the piano), and myself (with the clarinet). Mummy and Dad are in the background.

Mary-Anne Leuenberger, Thomson's Falls, Kenya.

**Helping the Animals**

Dear Sir,—On reading the article *A Did-It-Themselves Pet Show* (issue dated 29th June) I resolved to tell you about our annual Dog Show, held in my garden, in aid of the PDSA.

Five years ago, when I was eleven, my friend Susan Logan (then ten) and I arranged a Cat Show in a week. We raised £1, but as most of the entrants ran away or fought, we decided that the next show would be for dogs.

We formed a club, and from the subscriptions bought a small cup for the champion, and ingredients for cakes and sweets, which we sold, helping to raise £2 10s.

The second show brought us £5, boosted by a collecting-box put in

Daddy's shop, together with entry forms, laboriously written out by hand. In 1962-63, club members' mothers kindly typed them for us. Colourful posters, designed and painted by Susan and me, are displayed in the village.

Last year's show produced over £9.

Barbara McBride, Crockham Hill, Edenbridge, Kent.

Dear Sir,—I have been a member of the PDSA (featured in CN dated 6th July) for many years. Formerly a "Busy Bee," I am now a "Guild Member."

I am always seeking new ways in which to make money for this deserving cause. If it would be possible, would you kindly print my letter in the CN, stating that "if anybody would like a pen-friend, please write to me stating age, and enclosing a stamped, addressed envelope, plus a small fee of 6d. for the PDSA, I shall gladly find them a correspondent."

Janett M. Horne, 1 Boundary Way, Cosham, Portsmouth.

Dear Sir,—My four friends and I (The Mouse Club) held a garden party in aid of the RSPCA. We had stalls, bran tub, a fortune teller, and refreshments, and made £16. We are all between the age of nine and twelve.

Jane Boulton, Cardington, Church Stretton, Shropshire.

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Specially for Girls...

THE
LITTLE
DEAR!

ALTHOUGH only two weeks old, this 14-inches-high Chinese Water Deer is causing quite a stir at Whipsnade Zoo, where hostess Julie Puddefoot has looked after it since it was abandoned by its parents.



SHE'S A WINNER!

Diana Clifton-Peach, British Ice Skating Champion, is as at home on the water as she is on the rink. Here, with her poodle, Brandy, she's all set to sail.



PETER, MY PONY



Here is another in our series of articles for all lovers of ponies and riding. Written by an expert—Pamela Clark—the articles present a diary of Peter, a New Forest pony, and his Mistress.

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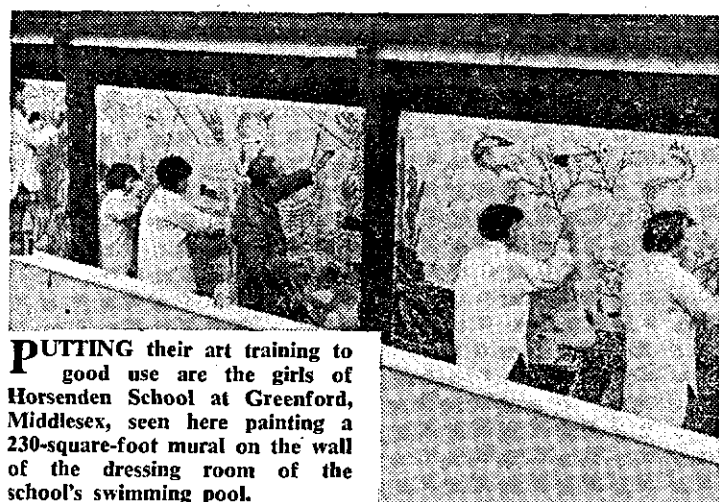
My cousin Sue from London arrived yesterday and Daddy borrowed a pony named Dusty so that we could go riding together—on the condition that I loaned her Peter.

It wasn't a good idea because Sue got really cross when I refused to let her gallop on Peter this morning. Well, how could I? Unlike Dusty, who is a corn-fed pony, Peter is fed on grass and he'd be absolutely exhausted if he were given his head in a prolonged gallop.

Even so, Sue rode him hard at a brisk canter all the time we were out and just wouldn't take my advice and walk him the last ten minutes, to let him cool off. So, of course, she got back before me and instead of watering and rubbing Peter down, she left him sweating until I arrived. I was furious, because it had been a wet, muddy ride and it meant a long job with the sweat scraper before he was clean and comfortable again.

I thought Sue understood ponies, but I believe she only wants the fun of the ride without all the hard work afterwards. Anyway, that's the last time I'll ever lend her Peter!

POOLING THEIR ART



PUTTING their art training to good use are the girls of Horsenden School at Greenford, Middlesex, seen here painting a 230-square-foot mural on the wall of the dressing room of the school's swimming pool.

GO-AHEAD GIRLS

PEN-PUSHER. A Belfast school-girl, Bernagh Brims, was 15 when she wrote a novel called *Runaway Riders*, which the BBC are now serialising. Bernagh wrote the book in *longhand*!

Sweet Success. Anne Richards of Penzance has realised her ambition to run a *sweetshop* of her own. She is 16.

ON THE RIGHT LINES

A DOUBLE row of switches, lights, a microphone, and a teleprinter are the "props" with which 17-year-old Laura Savage of Kirkdale works. Not only are the tools of her trade interestingly different, but her place of work, too, for she sits overlooking the platforms at Lime Street Station, Liverpool.

Laura is learning to be a Train Announcer. For the first few days her voice was "taped" from all parts of the station as she announced arrivals, departures, messages, and missing babies. This was played back, to help her to get used to speaking slowly.

Her father was a goods train guard for years, so Laura isn't exactly a newcomer to the world of trains.

THE VACUUM CROONER

THE Wright family of Poole, Dorset, have found that the best way to soothe their six-month-old daughter, Mandy, to sleep is to switch on the vacuum cleaner! Mandy must think it sings a better lullaby than her parents!

DIAL TO ASK

IF you live in the Liverpool area, dial ASK 8071 for a fresh menu every day! Recipes, provided by the British Farm Produce Council, are recorded for North-West subscribers.

Vicky

PIN-UP GIRLS

PRIOR to their "School Fair," the girls of Hurlingham County Secondary School, London, spent many busy weeks sewing and fitting the costumes needed for the Rose Queen and her six flower girls, two ladies-in-waiting, and two pages.

The materials were bought with funds raised by the girls themselves, plus a welcome donation from the Teacher-Parent Association. So that the beautiful dresses won't be wasted, the costumes will in future form part of the wardrobe of the school's theatrical section.

Exciting time for Christine Perk and Monica Nichols as they have their dresses fitted.



COLD COMFORT

LACK of greenery in the steel-and-concrete heart of Tokyo forced a mother dove to build her nest with *nails and steel*! It took her about a week of real tough work.

BOYS

COTTON ON

WHILE on the subject of sewing, I thought you'd be interested to hear that because of a shortage of girl machinists, an Essex factory has taken on six boy trainees. Four have transferred to other jobs, but two are doing very well. One of them, 15-year-old Keith Walker, says he enjoys the work and doesn't see why he should change because girls have always done the work up till now.

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Briefly . . .



Every month a town in Czechoslovakia exports an average of five wagon-loads of glass decorations for Christmas trees to Britain, Italy, Canada, Australia, and other countries.

Careless

Passengers left behind nearly 361,000 articles on London's buses and Underground trains last year. Umbrellas numbered over 84,000.

The Australian air base in Malaya has lent a Dakota aircraft for rain-making experiments over Singapore. It has been dropping silver iodide on the clouds.

Telephone conversations in the neighbourhood of Cranham, Gloucestershire, have been interrupted by squirrels chewing through the new polythene cables to get at the insulating fat.

Russia's Danube shipping line has been extended to Yalta, and tourists can now go by water from the Alps to the Crimea.

Any old lamps?

Belfast Corporation has received hundreds of orders from all parts of the world for old street gas lamps to be used as ornaments in gardens and drives. The city is changing to electric street lighting.

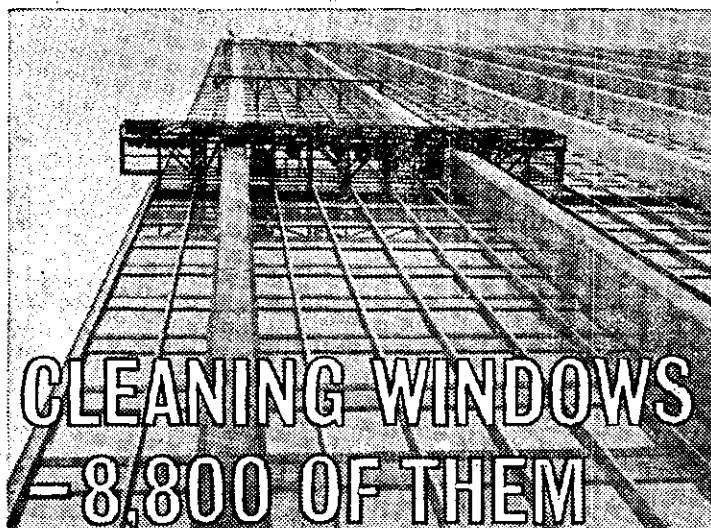
Bristol's new museum and art gallery is to have a cinema as a memorial to William Friese-Greene, the inventor of cinematography, who lived in the city.

How did it get there?

The catering department of Brighton Corporation has received one of its knives which was found by Royal Marines in a Sarawak village, 8,000 miles away. The Marines said the villagers had been using it for cutting bamboo, killing wild pigs, making blowpipe arrows, and opening cans.

When an Australian of Sydney recently answered his doorbell, he found a lone penguin on the step! Uncertain just how to entertain such a caller, the householder took it along to the police station.

A 1,600-year-old Roman milestone, bearing a clear Latin inscription, has been found in a well at Shawell, near Rugby. It originally stood beside Watling Street.



Cleaning 8,800 windows is the job that faces the eight-man crew which cleans the seven acres of glass of the Chase Manhattan Plaza building in New York.

Chile Goes Fishing

At the end of the 18th century, Chile's flourishing fishing industry vanished as her people turned their attention inland in a search for mineral wealth—gold, silver, nitrate, copper.

Now, Chile has struck "gold" by reviving her fishing industry, and her 3,000 miles of coastal waters promise to produce more hard cash for the nation than was ever dreamed of in the old mineral-mining days.

Last year's export of fishmeal totalled 74,000 tons, and experts predict 800,000 tons by the end of this year. These exports represent more than £2,000,000 a year for Chile. As a result, industry is enjoying a real boom. New factories, shops, harbours, and banks are being built.

NOUVELLES DE FRANCE

Le Mans. Le pilote d'un planeur resté accroché au faite d'un arbre, en bordure de l'aérodrome, a utilisé pour "atterrir," la grande échelle des sapeurs-pompiers du Mans.

M. Bernard Hunault, qui pilotait un planeur des "Ailes du Maine," s'apprêtait à poser son appareil sur l'aire d'atterrissage lorsqu'un coup de vent le plaqua contre un rideau d'arbres.

Pendant une demi-heure, le pilote attendit l'arrivée de la grande échelle, sans oser faire un mouvement de peur de provoquer la chute de son appareil, coincé dans les branches.

A 10s. 6d. book taken will be awarded for what the Editor considers the best translation received by Wednesday, 31st July. Send to: Nouvelles de France, Children's Newspaper, Fleetway House, Farringdon Street, London, E.C.4. 6th July winner: Heather Wright, 2 Belsize Road, Lisburn, Northern Ireland.

They use the world's biggest elevator-type device, but the job still takes a month. If the weather is poor, it lasts longer.

The 58-foot-long washing platform is shaped to fit round the building's supporting columns, and when it is raised to the roof it can move sideways on a special set of tracks. It is also equipped with two-way radio, so that the crew can be contacted at any time.

The platform was born of necessity. The building is fully air-conditioned and the sealed windows cannot be opened.

Flying Home For The Holidays

Some 5,000 schoolboys and girls whose parents live abroad will be making long flights home from Britain for the holidays. Their destinations include the Far East, and North and South America.

Most of them are accustomed to travelling independently and dealing with customs, health, and immigration formalities. BOAC officials say that they are the most calm and unimpressed section of the air-travelling public.

Junior Jet Club

All are members of the BOAC's Junior Jet Club, wearing badges and keeping log books in which their flights are recorded and signed by the Captain.

They are certainly privileged passengers. Special tuck boxes and extra supplies of soft drinks are put on board for them, as well as plenty of drawing books, cut-out models, jigsaw puzzles, and other games. The aircraft library, too, is well provided with children's magazines and books.

FIGUREHEAD FROM THE FJORD

The figurehead of the British ship *Black Watch* has been brought up 150 feet from the bottom of the Kilboth fjord in Norway.

In Norway during the Second World War, the *Black Watch* was taken over by the Nazis and subsequently sunk by British bombers in 1945.

The figurehead, of a kilted soldier of the famous Scottish regiment, shows little sign of damage after 18 years under the water.

Cable-Eater

A tiny animal called the pocket gopher has been giving headaches to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in the State of Iowa, USA. It likes chewing telephone cables, and within a few weeks can gnaw its way through a cable sheathed in lead and copper.

Now the Company's experts believe they can blunt the teeth of the pocket gopher—with steel-sheathed cables.



WHO IS THE MAN IN THE HAT?

You've probably recognised Danny Kaye, standing in the queue to visit the Lenin Mausoleum in Moscow.

UP and DOWN Ship

After it has been built on the Clyde, a ship will be completely taken to pieces, packed in crates, and sent to Kisumu, Kenya, where it will be rebuilt and launched on Lake Victoria.

The Clydesiders call this an "up and down job." The last time it was carried out, African tribesmen stole the thick layer of tallow on the slipway to use as cooking fat in a big fry-up to celebrate the forthcoming launching!

Out of the Fryingpan into Arkansas

A six-mile tunnel is to be made under the Rocky Mountains to turn the water of the Fryingpan River, a tributary of the Colorado River, east instead of west.

The western side of the Rocky Mountains, where the Fryingpan rises, has more water than it knows what to do with, but much of the east side is near-desert.

The Pan-Ark, as the Fryingpan-Arkansas project is called, is

expected to take 13 years. It will include building a dam at the eastern outlet from the tunnel to irrigate land which is today little better than desert, and to generate electricity. Any surplus water will be taken into the Arkansas River, a tributary of the Mississippi.

The early pioneers here were mostly prospecting for gold. Their descendants are likely to earn much more gold from farming.

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HUNTING IN A HEDGEROW

WE have discussed ponds and what can be found in them, and we have had a look at a rock pool. Both of these are best observed in spring and summer. But all of you may not have a pond near you, or you may not be going to the seaside for your holidays. If so, a good old English hedgerow takes a lot of beating for the variety of wild life it holds.

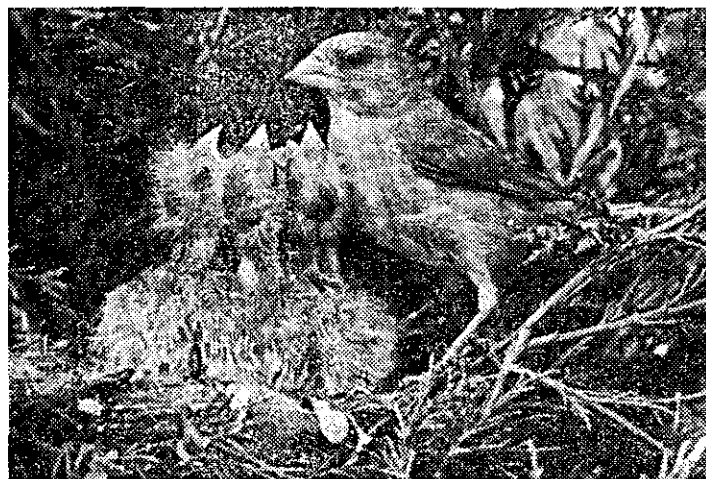
You would naturally expect to find birds in a hedge, and such species as chaffinches, greenfinches, and dunnocks (hedge sparrows) are ones that quickly come to mind. There are, however, some birds which are not such obvious inhabitants.

Many hedges have occasional small trees in them, and in these the magpie often makes its curious domed nest. Then tits will use the old moss-covered stumps of trees which have long since been cut down. Wrens, too, will use such places, and also robins. The latter do not always build in old kettles and tins, which is the impression given in some books!



**TAKE A LOOK
AT NATURE**
with
MAXWELL KNIGHT

Birds, however, are only some of the living creatures to be found in hedgerows. Bank voles nest in them, and you may be able to spot their "runs"—the quite well-marked paths they constantly use. Lizards and slow-worms like the sunny sides of a hedgerow bank, and if you walk quietly you may well see them if the sun is not too hot. Should you spot a lizard and it scuttles away, keep still for



Greenfinch feeding its young
Eric Hosking

some minutes and it may come back again to the same place where you saw it. For lizards have their favourite basking places and do not easily desert them.

At the foot of most hedges there is a ditch—often a dry one. Here at dusk you may detect the rustling and scuffling which will tell you that a hedgehog is on the prowl. Watch it as it turns over dry leaves or even flat stones in search of beetles and worms.

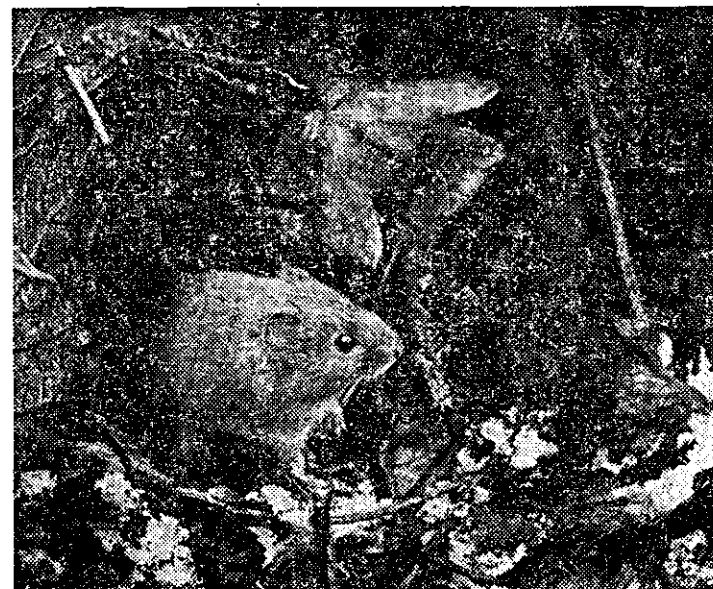
In exploring a hedge one must not forget the many insects that inhabit them. Examine the undersides of leaves for caterpillars, but do this carefully so as not to damage the young branches. You may often find beetles of many kinds—particularly lady-

birds; and remember that the spots on their wing-cases are pointers to their species. They are not just haphazard markings.

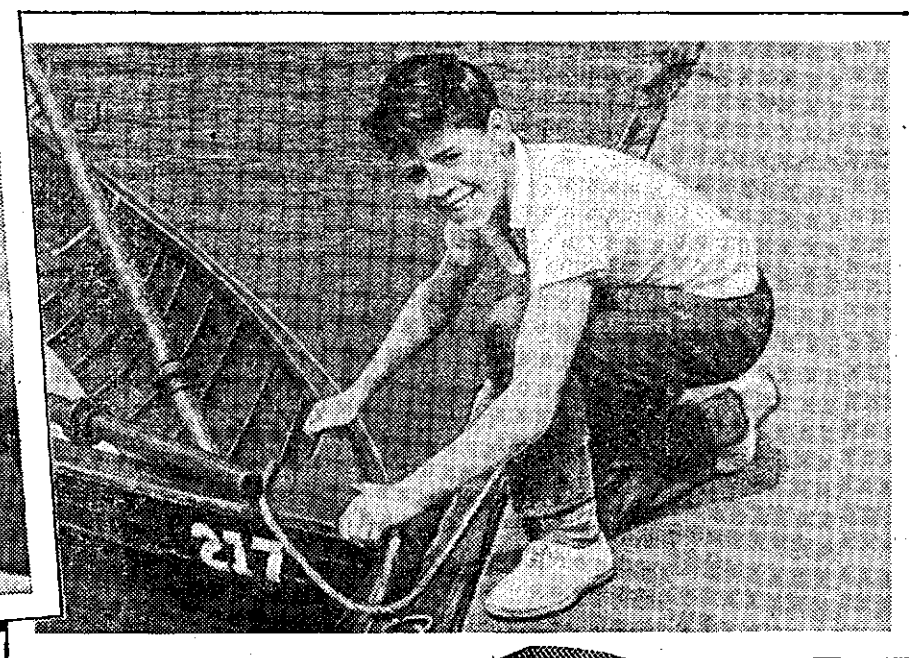
Many hedgerow blossoms will attract butterflies, and you may—according to the month—be able to see half a dozen species along a good hedge.

You will find that exploring hedges is very rewarding. And though you may find nests with eggs or young in them, don't disturb either.

And remember that leaves and twigs should be left exactly as they were, otherwise the birds may desert.



Bank vole leaving its home
John Markham



Get a Kodak camera for super pictures like these!

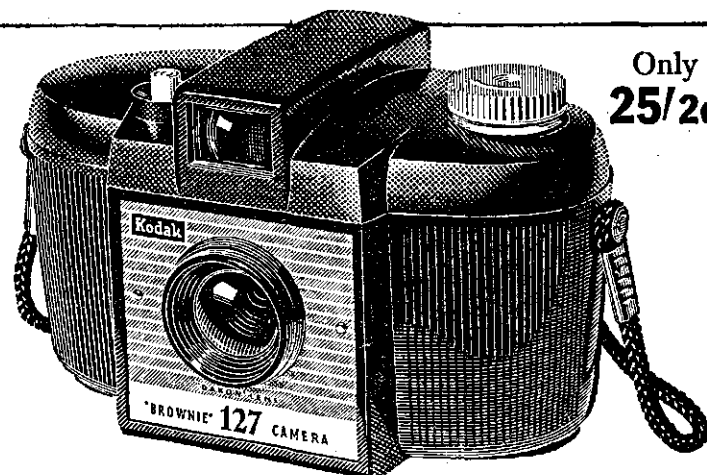
Think of the fun you could have with a Kodak camera! You could take pictures—in colour or black and white—of interesting places you visit, pictures of your pets or animals, or of railway trains or boats, or whatever you are interested in most. Pictures that record the things you do. Fun to take, and fun to look back on!

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WE have already seen that one of the important services provided by a bank is lending money to its customers. Banks advance money for both business and private purposes, but it should be remembered that the money a bank lends belongs not to itself but to the thousands of customers who have deposited their money.

The bank will want to know why the loan is required, how long it is wanted for and, of course, it will want to make certain that it will get the money back. So it will usually ask for some "security" to guarantee that the money will come back. The security will be something that is of about the same value as the amount of the loan so that, if the customer does not repay, the bank can sell it. The most usual securities are Life Assurance policies, deeds of houses, and certificates for Stocks and Shares.

Borrowing money

The purpose for which the money is required must be reasonable; for example, extensive repairs to a house or more equipment for a factory.

There are two main ways in which money can be borrowed from a bank—by means of an overdraft, or a loan.

When a customer is granted an overdraft this means that he can "overdraw" his account to the agreed amount. A man might borrow £200 from a bank by this

method. This would mean that he could keep on drawing money from the bank until he had taken out £200 more than he had in the bank. The amount of the money "overdrawn" is shown in red on the statement of account sent to the customer. Hence we get the expression "in the red," meaning in debt.

If a customer does not borrow money in this way, he may do so by means of a loan. In this case, if he wishes to borrow, say, £200, this amount can be "credited" to him and added to his account.

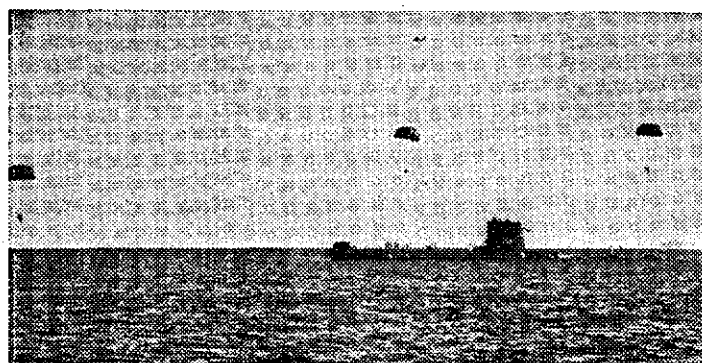
In either case the bank will ask the customer to pay interest. Interest is a certain sum of money paid in return for being allowed to borrow. The bank will also make rules as to when the money is to be repaid. Normally, a certain sum will have to be repaid each month until the loan is finished.

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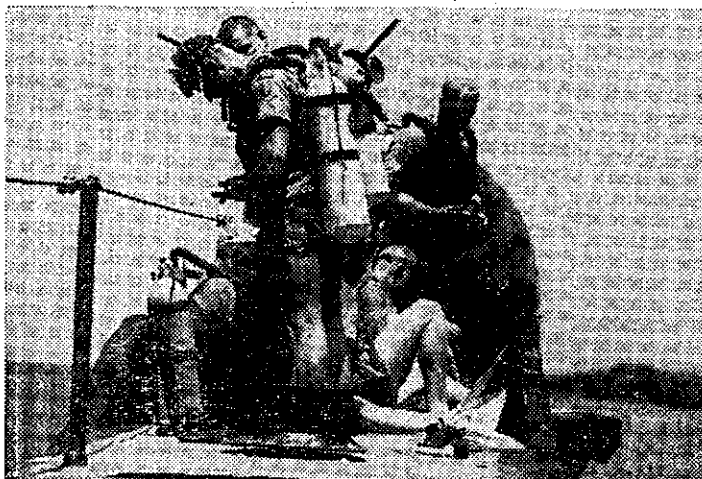
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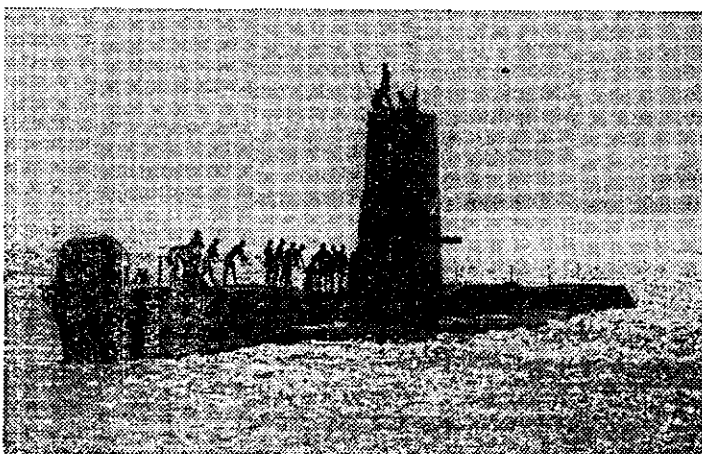
Bank Manager discussing business with one of his farmer customers



The paratroopers drop near the waiting submarine



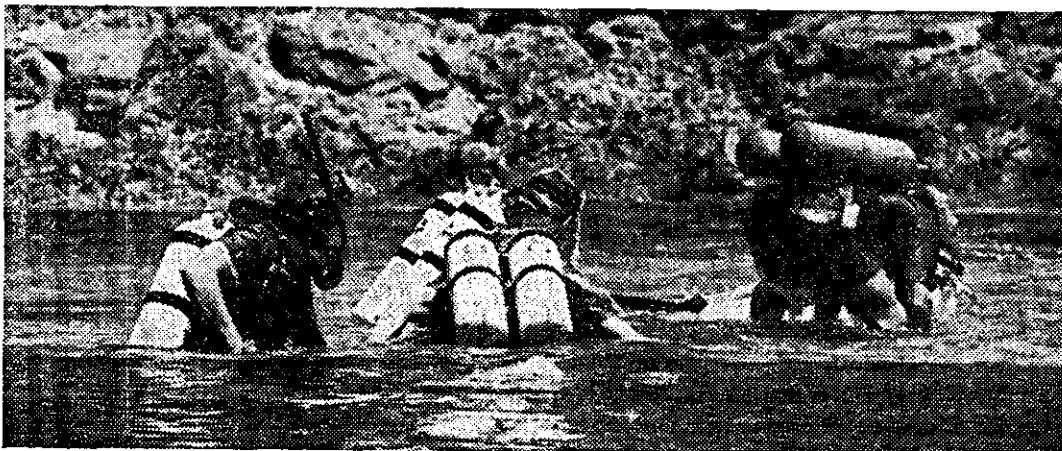
The task force don their diving outfits



The submarine moves towards the enemy coast



HMS Anchorite sinks beneath the waves



The task force lands at Okinawa

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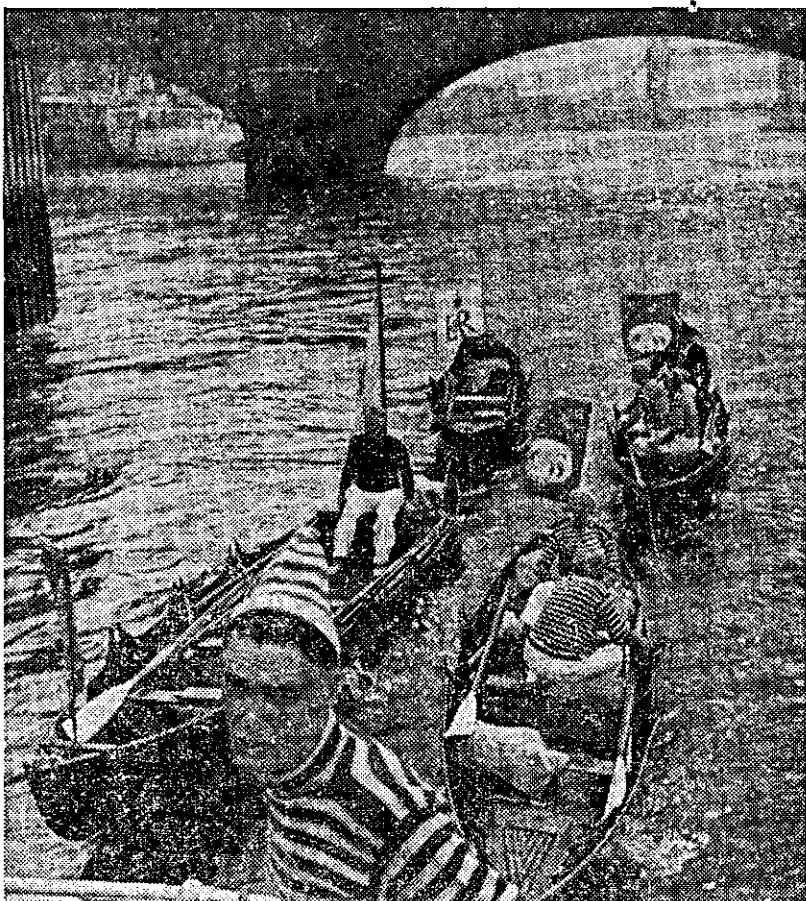
SOMETIMES a military exercise can be almost as exciting as the real thing. The recent combined Anglo-American air, sea and underwater "strike" from off the coast of the Japanese island of Okinawa certainly seems to have been of this kind. First, seven US paratroopers were dropped from an Albatross aircraft into the ocean less than 200 feet away from a waiting submarine, H M S Anchorite. As soon as they had been picked up, the Anchorite took the small task force close to the "enemy" coast, and then submerged, with the paratroopers, in diving outfits, on the foredeck. Using underwater compasses, the raiding party, whose mission was to contact a special agent, swam ten feet below the surface all the way to the shore—600 yards away. After they had completed the task, the paratroopers swam out to sea again, and were picked up by the Anchorite.



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NEWS IN PICTURES

IT'S SWAN-UPPING TIME ON THE THAMES



The expedition sets out from London Bridge



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A swan family is neatly rounded up

An ancient ceremony with the strange name of Swan-Upping, takes place this month. This old name means that the wild swans are "taken UP," that is, lifted from the water, so that they can be marked with the signs of their three lawful owners—the Crown, and the Dyers' and Vintners' Companies. The operation lasts for a week or so, during which all young swans on the Thames between London and Henley are caught and marked.

Six boats are used, and about 16 men go with them, equipped with very sharp knives. These are for making the mark on the beak, which consists of five nicks for the Crown, two on either side for birds belonging to the Vintners' Company, and one nick cut on the right-side of birds belonging to the Dyers.

It seems likely that the Vintners' mark gave rise to the Inn sign Swan with Two Necks (that is, "nicks") which astonishes so many visitors from abroad.

The ceremony goes back to the Middle Ages when such big birds (which needed no looking after) were much in demand as food for large households. Naturally the King came first in this respect, and he would sometimes grant a licence to his nobles, and later to corporations such as the merchant companies of London, like the Dyers and Vintners (wine-merchants), to keep a flock of swans. But this was on condition that the birds were all distinctively marked.

Swan-Upping is a survival of this.

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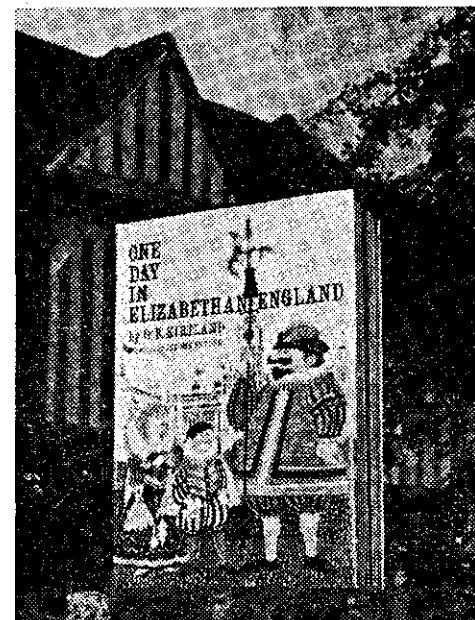
IF you like small boats and the sea and a background of stormy island cliffs and seabirds, then the story for you is Margaret Ruthin's **SECRET OF THE SHETLANDS** (Dobson, 12s. 6d.). It starts with the rescue of a man seen to fall 100 feet, into the Atlantic, and it ends with a ring of drug smugglers and another rescue—under the White Ensign.



FOR dog-lovers (and who isn't?) I recommend **THE LITTLE SHIP DOG** by Kathleen Fidler (Lutterworth, 13s. 6d.) about a schipperke, a little Dutch tailless dog, which somehow swapped life



on a Dutch canal barge for the "narrow boats" of the Grand Union Canal.



EVERYBODY has his own sense of humour, of course, but I think most readers will find many a cheerful chuckle in G. B. Kirtland's **ONE DAY IN ELIZABETHAN ENGLAND** (Macmillan, 9s. 6d.). It's all about one day's preparations in the household of a boy who is going to meet the great Queen Elizabeth, a boy who practises fencing with lances, dancing with leaps, and singing with yodels. It also gives some satisfying new words (authentic)—"clumperton" (a clumsy oaf) and "slubberdegullion" (a common lout).



THEN there's a real winner in **DOLPHIN BOY**. Strictly it's for the younger reader, but so good is this account of a village boy of the Hawaiian beaches who makes friends with a dolphin, that anyone will enjoy it. There's nothing unbelievable about it either according to our now growing knowledge of these large-brained creatures. The author, Margaret Mackay, obviously knows her setting and gives us a terrifying tidal wave for good measure (Harrap, 12s. 6d.).

WE often hear people talking about the number of refugees from the less happy countries of Europe who come to Britain for comfort. But do we often wonder what it's like to have lost home and friends and familiar surroundings to live in a far country where everything seems strange? Well, read all about it in a moving, and often amusing, book—James Stagg's prize-winning novel **A CASTLE FOR THE KOPCHEKS** (Benn, 12s. 6d.). A. I.

FACT

WHAT you might call the doings behind "Who-Done-Its" make a whole lot of enthralling reading in **STORIES OF FAMOUS DETECTIVES**, by Leonard Gribble (Barker, 15s.). Starting with Vidocq, founder of the Paris Sûreté, it goes on to the great Pinkerton of Chicago, the founding of Scotland Yard's CID, and Interpol.



WHATEVER things are like elsewhere in the world, it's cold at the top and cold at the bottom—in the Arctic and Antarctic.

Noel Barber of the *Daily Mail* has written of his experiences in each of these cold spots in **ADVENTURES AT BOTH POLES** (Heinemann, 13s. 6d.) and they make good reading supported by good photographs. He tells us just what it's like at the McMurdo Base in Antarctica with 24 hours a day in bright sunshine so that it's hard to go to sleep. Then he takes us from farthest south to right up north—to the fabulous under-snow town of Camp Century, with a Main Street, comfortably furnished bedrooms, and a nuclear reactor.



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FOR the younger reader there are two attractive books, **WORKING WITH LIGHT**, by E. A. Catherall and P.N. Holt (Bailey Bros. & Swinfen, 6s.), with good coloured illustrations explaining how light does its work; and the life stories of two types of seal in Alice E. Goudey's **HERE COME THE SEALS** (Macmillan, 12s. 6d.).

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A story of adventure and magic in the Old West

MR MYSTERIOUS AND COMPANY

"Mr. Mysterious & Co's" welcome arrival at Cactus City had been marred by an unpleasant scene with the owner of Blue, the little dog who had followed them from Lone City.

Pa had dealt firmly with the blustering bully the dog belonged to, although it had cost him his most treasured possession—his chiming gold watch and chain, which he had swapped for the dog.

Now the stage was set for the show. The oil lamps were lit; the children were awaiting their cues and Mama was ready at the piano in the wings. The show was about to commence...

3. Blue becomes the Professor

JANE was floating in the air. Pa passed the barrel hoop from her head to her toes and back again.

"Behold!" he said. The townspeople stared up in silent wonder at the small stage. Jane floated behind the footlights with her eyes closed as if she were sleeping in a magic trance. Her pink gingham had the enchanted look of gossamer.

There was not a sound to be heard from the crowd. The men forgot to puff on their cigars and their eyes seemed as large as silver dollars. The children stared up in amazement and their eyes were at least as large as nickels.

"Is it real?" said Pa. "Can it be done? You see it before your eyes. A feat first performed by the magicians of China and India. Today it can be seen on the stages of London, Paris, New York—and Cactus City!"

Hardly an eye in Cactus City blinked.

"Now then, Sleeping Princess," Pa said very softly, "you will rise still higher."

And Jane, who was already floating three feet off the stage, rose another foot. She appeared as light as a feather. It seemed as if a sudden breeze would blow her away!

"Behold!" The mayor hooked his thumbs in his vest and wondered if it was done with mirrors.

The sheriff hooked his thumbs in his vest and wondered if it was done with wires.

THE show held the townspeople spellbound for well over an hour. It grew dark, and the footlights flickered. Pa made handkerchiefs disappear. He passed his wand over an egg, and it turned into a turnip. Paul, as the magician's assistant, showed a tin tube that looked as empty as a stovepipe, and Pa produced yards of ribbons from it. He changed red silks into green ones and green ones into yellow ones.

During many of the feats Mama created a mysterious atmosphere by playing softly at the piano. At the same time she was kept busy seeing to it that the youngsters got on and off the stage on cue, and she had to make sure the trick boxes and tubes were ready when Pa needed them.

There was no time for Blue, who sat at Mama's feet and watched the goings on. But in whispers the youngsters had already decided between them to think of a new name for the dog.

One miracle followed another.

and all the time Pa sharpened his beard and smiled. He set up the magic lantern, while Paul and Jane blew out the footlights to make the stage dark. Then Pa projected still pictures on a white sheet, for the magic lantern was nothing more than a "picture show."

THE picture was dim, and it flickered badly, but no-one minded. Magic lantern shows were very popular in the frontier towns, for it gave the settlers a look at famous people and far-away places.

The black lantern box smoked and sputtered. It smelled of kerosene. Pa put in a slide of a Mississippi steamboat, and it seemed as if one could almost hear its whistle blow. Then came

looked on with "Oh's" and "Ah's." The slim-waisted ladies in the lantern pictures wore feathered hats and beribboned bustles. It was enough to make a ranch wife's mouth water—and it did. But the frontier ladies made quick mental notes of what they saw, and in the months to come they would attempt to make similar costumes for themselves.

THE show would provide man, woman and child with something to talk about all through the winter. They would argue their opinions on how this trick was done, or that, but they could never be sure—and they might even discuss it till spring.

Anne watched for the slide showing a ballerina. On the tips of her toes, the dancer seemed to come to life in the swirl of her costume. Anne was enchanted. Sometimes for days on end she found herself walking on her toes. Perhaps, when the family settled on the ranch near San Diego, Mama would find her a dancing teacher.

"And now, my friends," Pa

"the price you saw on our hand-bills was 25 cents for adults and a nickel each for children. If you didn't like the show it was free. I see some of you brought along barter instead of cash money, and we'll be happy to accept it. My family and I haven't had our supper, and that pie you're holding, madam, has been making our mouths water."

"It's wild plum," the woman said.

"Sara makes the best wild plum pie in Texas," the man beside her called out.

MAMA struck up a well-known song on the piano. The townspeople, if one could judge from the rattle of money against the tambourines, had liked the show one and all.

Soon the edge of the stage was piled with things to eat. Folks were used to trading what they had for what they needed or wanted. Not everyone had coin

—by
ALBERT S. FLEISCHMAN

money to spend. Paul saw a watermelon that must have weighed 25 lb., and he licked his lips. Jane had her eye on a basket of raspberries. Two pumpkins appeared; a dozen eggs, a jar of honey, almost a bushel of corn, a jug of sorghum molasses, turnips, and potatoes, and several jars of preserved vegetables. The edge of the stage began to look like a county fair!

Meanwhile, Paul and Jane and Anne changed out of their show costumes. Mama packed

things away carefully for the next performance. They were as busy after the show as they had been before. Jane had the silks and flags to fold and put away. Paul had the magic table to take apart, leg by leg, to allow more room in the wagon. Anne began carrying in the barter from the stage.

"Don't drop those eggs," Mama said. "We'll need them for breakfast."

SOON the crowd had gone and Pa blew out the footlights. He carried in the watermelon and found a place for it under the wagon seat. Mama filled her "grab box" with barter. It was nothing but a large tin biscuit box

where she kept the smaller food supplies, together with her silverware and frying pan. Tomorrow she would cut the pumpkins into strips and dry them for winter. They would make a nice Christmas pie, she said to herself.

Finally, Pa folded the small stage platform back into the side of the wagon and let down the red canvas. Then he mounted the seat and drove the team to a clearing at the edge of town, where they would camp for the night.

"Paul," Mama said. "Get a bucket of water at the town pump and I'll start supper. You children are hungry."

"Hold on," Pa said, a smile breaking over his face. "This

family is going to eat in the hotel restaurant tonight. We made 228 cents. I just counted it. Hard money. We're going to celebrate!"

And celebrate they did—although Paul had to bring a pail of water from the pump just the same. Mama wasn't going to let her family show up at the hotel restaurant unless everyone was scrubbed up clean.

PA ordered the six-course supper for everyone. They had left Blue to guard things at the wagon, and they spent the first two courses of the meal trying to decide on a new name for him.

They tried Trixie and Wags and Blackie and Tray and Spot (even though he didn't have spots) and Pal and Duke and 16 other names. But nothing seemed just right.

"That dog needs a special name," Pa agreed. "He's smart as a professor. He's entitled to an educated name."

"That's it!" Jane almost shouted. "Professor!"

Even Paul's eyes lit up. He tried the name on his tongue. "Professor," he said. "Pro-fessor. Yup, that suits him just fine."

Anne liked it, too, and that settled the matter.

Then, between the second and third course, everyone fell quiet.

"Now don't you youngsters go feeling bad about my watch," Pa said. "A watch is only a thing made of springs and wheels and gears. It doesn't live and breathe. It can't shake hands with you or wag its tail when it's happy or lick your face. Most of all, a watch can't love you, but a dog can. No, sir, we got a fine bargain."

They all felt better after Pa's speech.

THE hotel restaurant was a grand place, with wax flowers on the tables and two large oil paintings in gold frames on the walls. They enjoyed just sitting there, listening to the peaceful ticking of the pendulum clock near the door. Pa told stories of his boyhood on an Illinois ranch. He had apprenticed himself to a travelling magician—and had been travelling ever since.

They were finishing their dessert when the mayor stopped at their table.

"A mighty fine show," he beamed, hooking his thumbs in his vest. "Are you heading for Dry Creek, New Mexico?"

"We expect to play there a week from next Saturday," Pa said. "We'll be on our way in the morning."

"I've got a brother in Dry Creek," the mayor said. "Newt Hastings. You look him up and tell him I said to treat you folks right. He's the sheriff there."

It was past nine o'clock when the family returned to the wagon.

The Professor (for they informed him of his new name at once) was waiting with his tongue hanging out and his tail wagging. Jane and Mama had brought him table scraps wrapped in a handkerchief, and he had his dinner while the youngsters got ready for bed.

Jane and Anne shared the sofa that was used in the Sleeping Princess act. Pa had once laughed, "Our girls never walk in their sleep—but sometimes they float!" Paul slept nearby, rolled up in a down-filled quilt. Later, Mama and Pa would make up a bed out of blankets and a buffalo robe in the rear of the wagon.

"PAUL," Jane said softly, while Pa was unhitching the horses. "Are you asleep yet?" "Course not."

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Paul couldn't help overhearing what the sheriff was saying

Civil War scenes, including a picture of Abe Lincoln by the famous photographer Mathew Brady. Pa showed a slide of a large Napoleon cannon, which looked as if it were going to fire right down the main street of Cactus City. It scared the ladies and small children.

Finally, Pa showed slides of the Niagara Falls and the pyramids of Egypt and London Bridge. "And now a special treat for you ladies," he said.

With that, he showed photographs he had made in Kansas City at a grand reception where women were dressed in the latest fashions from Paris.

The frontier women, in their plain calicos and sunbonnets,

announced, as he relit the kerosene footlights, "our entertainment is at an end. The show is over. We don't sell tickets, and if you have a mind to you can turn around and go home without paying the price of admission. Some wagon shows give an entertainment and then sell soap or patent medicines. Well, sir, we're not in the soap business or the patent medicine business. All we've got to sell is good family entertainment—and you all look like good family people."

The crowd smiled at this, and Jane and Paul set two tambourines at the two corners of the stage.

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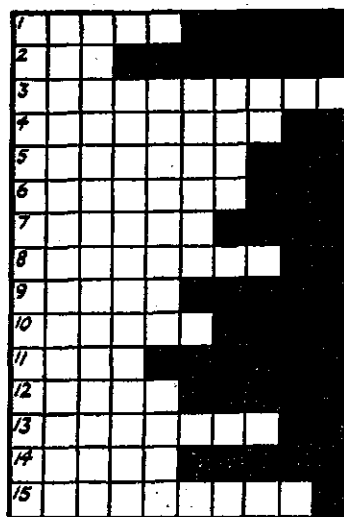
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- 1 Ben this is the highest mountain in the British Isles.
- 2 Cathedral city in Cambridgeshire.
- 3 Former capital of England.
- 4 Lancashire lake.
- 5 County town of Westmorland.
- 6 Highest mountain in England and Wales.
- 7 Longest river in England.
- 8 Irish county and seaport.
- 9 English county.
- 10 Islands off north-east Scotland.
- 11 This Loch may have a monster.
- 12 This river forms the boundary between England and Scotland.
- 13 Fishing port in Norfolk.
- 14 Irish lake.
- 15 Capital of Scotland.



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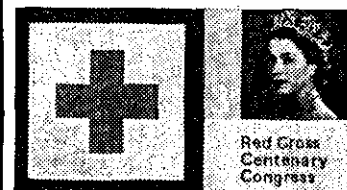
HONOURING THE RED CROSS

THE Red Cross is one of the best-known emblems in the world. We see it almost every day—on ambulances, in hospitals, and on first-aid boxes. This year the Red Cross is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

By the end of 1963 almost a hundred countries will have issued special stamps to mark this centenary.

Britain's stamps are 3d., 1s. 3d., and 1s. 6d. in value and will be issued on 15th August. Their designer has deliberately kept his idea as simple as possible in order to emphasise the simplicity of the Red Cross emblem.

Pictured here is the 3d. value, which has the Queen's portrait in



purple. On all three values the Cross is in red. Most countries are using the special centenary emblem. This represents an old-fashioned lamp from which rises a curling flame.



Switzerland, which is the home of the International Red Cross, has issued a series of five stamps to mark the centenary. One value has a portrait of Anna Heer, a Swiss girl born in 1863. When she grew up she became a doctor and helped to found the Swiss Training School for Nurses, at Zurich.

The other Swiss stamps illustrate some of the many activities of the organisation. The 20 plus 10 centimes value, pictured here, shows a gift parcel like those which the Red Cross arranges for prisoners-of-war to receive. During the two world wars many



prisoners owed their lives to the regular arrival of these parcels.

The Centenary Congress of the Red Cross will open in Geneva on 2nd September, and will be attended by delegates from all

over the world. On that date, too, about 40 British colonies will be issuing their Red Cross stamps. They will all have a similar design, showing the Cross, the Queen's portrait, and the dates 1863-1963.



The last picture is of the 30-heller stamp being issued in Czechoslovakia to honour the Red Cross. The design is meant to symbolise the care given to children in hospitals run by the Red Cross organisations.

Altogether more than 200 Red Cross stamps are being issued to mark this centenary year.

SCIENCE SURVEY

Bath in Space

THE laboratories which equip the Russian cosmonauts for their daring voyages are now working on a little luxury item for their spaceships—a bath!

Up till now, cosmonauts have freshened up their skins with specially impregnated cloths instead of soap and water. Now they are to have a miniature showerbath providing about one gallon. They are also to have a special toothpaste which they can

swallow after using—the easiest way to get rid of it.

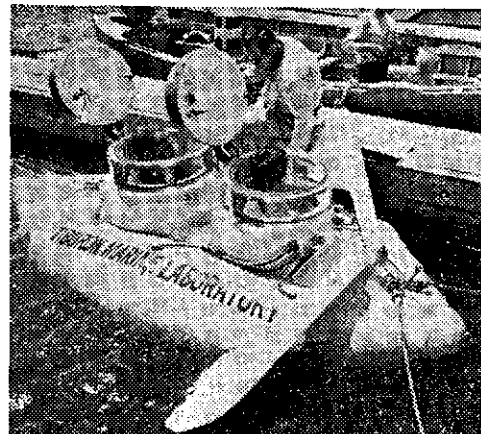
Carrying water on board has always been a problem, and in a spaceship it is kept in a container with strengthened walls to withstand the enormous pressure during take-off.

Seeing is Believing

ONE of the most accurate forecasters of the Space Age—Brigadier Sarnoff of the Radio Corporation of America—predicts that within 20 years every individual will be able to have his own "personalised frequency" which will enable him to "hook up," by means of a radio-telephone-television device, with anyone, anywhere, in the world.

This is made possible by the development of the Laser Ray, a concentrated light beam that can be transmitted and received in the same way as radio waves.

BATTERY-POWERED SUBMARINE



THIS new, almost toy-like, battery, powered midget submarine is now in service with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Now that it has completed its trials, it will be used this month for studying fish behaviour in the depths of the Gulf of California.

The 16-foot, 2,300-lb. craft can cruise for four hours at a depth of over 100 feet.

Mind of a Racing Driver

WHAT makes a Grand Prix driver? Obviously something more than the ability to drive a car at breath-taking speeds.

A series of psychological tests and interviews, carried out on a small group of Grand Prix drivers, gave some indication of the qualities required to make a crack racing driver. All the drivers were found to be of above average intelligence, and to have well balanced personalities. They also possessed excellent powers of concentration and were able to stand up to conditions of stress and pressure far better than the average person.

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MR MYSTERIOUS AND COMPANY

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"I wish there was some way of getting Pa's watch back. He was mighty proud of that watch."

"There's no way to get it back," Paul said. "It belongs to Jeb Grimes now—and he wouldn't give it up for anything."

"If we could make some money, maybe we could buy Pa another watch just like it."

"It would take us a hundred years. Two hundred maybe. It was all gold and everything."

"I know, but we've got to think of something," Jane added.

And they fell asleep thinking...

NEXT morning, the Sun came up hot and clear, as if it had been cut out of a prairie fire with a pair of scissors. Pa was already setting up his hand press. He would print up handbills for Dry Creek and other towns and send them ahead by stagecoach.

After breakfast, Pa would take the handbills to the Wells Fargo office. The stagecoach, due about noon, would carry them on to Dry Creek and points west. A stagecoach could cover 40 or 50 miles in a day. The show wagon, with Madam Sweetpea at a slow walk behind, rarely travelled more than ten miles a day. The handbills would reach Dry Creek long before Mr. Mysterious and Company.

Mama was waiting for Paul to return with fresh water, for she wanted to start the coffee. "Now where can that scamp be?" she declared. "Sister, look out and see if he's coming."

"How could anyone get lost in Cactus City?" said Jane patiently. "It's only got one street!"

JANE was anxious to be done with breakfast so they could go to the general store. She liked to look at all the bolts of calico and the ribbons and buttons, and imagine herself dressed up like the ladies in Pa's magic lantern slides.

Suddenly, Mama caught her breath.

"Andrew!" she said. "Put down those eggs. You'll break them!"

Pa laughed. "It's not often a man gets to practise with fresh hen-fruit."

"Put them down!" Pa tossed one egg behind his back. It went up over his head. Just before the egg hit the ground he caught it in his hat.

Mama breathed again. Once she had caught Pa juggling three of her best china plates, which she used only on Sundays. It was a wonder, she thought, that he didn't try to juggle their three youngsters!

Mama put the three eggs in her apron pocket for safe-keeping.

"Here's Paul coming now," Pa said. "And he's running like a swarm of bees were after him."

PAUL came sprinting toward the wagon. Chickens in the street scattered before him.

"Pa!" he shouted, the water sloshing in the bucket as he loped along. "Pa!"

"What is it?" Pa said. "What happened?"

"I've just overheard the sheriff say Jeb Grimes has been robbed. Your watch... we'll never get it back now!"

To be continued

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PICK A PUZZLE

CAN YOU TRACE THE NAMES?

J	M	E	N	E	I
R	A	S	O	M	L
D	A	W	I	U	K
D	E	N	D	E	A
R	O	N	L	S	M
A	N	E	I	E	U

START at letter J and then go through the squares, moving in any direction, to form eight boys' names. The last letter in each name will be the first letter in the next.

FIND THE ANIMALS

In the six sentences below, the names of ten animals are hidden. See how quickly you can find them.

I will go at once to Ramsgate. They came late, and missed half the show.

Please take this box to Jack Allison.

As soon as Beth or Sep return, we'll go for a walk.

He was the best mimic at the show.

There we saw him collecting nuts from under a tree.

All In A Square

The answer to the four clues will, if written below each other, read the same across as down.

This has been run in less than four minutes.

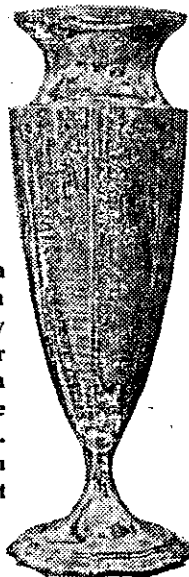
Many birthday cakes are this.

Go in front with this heavy metal.

Neddy has lost his head!

WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS?

Here is a well-known tennis trophy competed for by Britain and the United States. Can you guess what it is?



Which is the Greater?

Can you say immediately which is the greater in each of the following?

Three stone or 44 lb?
Two pints or four gills?
One furlong or 250 yards?
3,500 yards or two miles?
300 lb. or three cwt.
Six gallons or 40 pints?

WHO IS HE?

The stars between the rows of letters represent the letters in the name of the leader of a European country. As a clue, this man will be retiring from his position in the autumn. If you guess the name correctly, you will find that, when read downwards, eight three-letter words have been formed.

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T D N K W P N M

ANSWERS TO PUZZLES

Geographical Acrostic (P. 10):
1 Nevis. 2 Ely. 3 Winchester.
4 Coniston. 5 Appleby. 6 Snowdon.
7 Thames. 8 Limerick. 9 Essex.
10 Orkney. 11 Ness. 12 Tweed.
13 Yarmouth. 14 Neagh. 15 Edinburgh—NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
Can you trace the names? : James; Simon; Neil; Luke; Edward; Dennis; Samuel; Leonard. Find the animals: Goat; ram; camel; ox; jackal; ass; horse; cat; gnu; rat. What do you think this is?: The

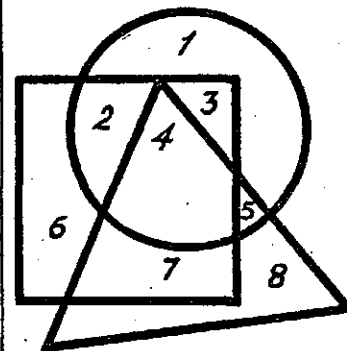
Wightman Cup, the trophy for women (Britain's team meets the U.S.—Cup holders—at Cleveland, Ohio, on 10th-11th August.) Which is the greater?: 44 lb.; two pints; 250 yards; two miles; three cwt.; six gallons. Who is he?: Adenauer. Numbers from all angles: (a) 4 and 5; (b) 1 and 5; (c) 4 and 7; (d) 7; (e) 4; (f) 2 and 3. All in a Square: MILE ICED LEAD EDDY

Numbers From All Angles

Look at the drawing carefully. Then cover it up and see how many of the following questions you can answer.

Can you say which numbers are:

- (a) In the circle and also in the triangle;
- (b) In the circle but not in the square;
- (c) In both the square and the triangle;
- (d) In the triangle and the



- square, but not in the circle;
- (e) In the triangle, circle, and square;
- (f) In square and circle, but not in the triangle.

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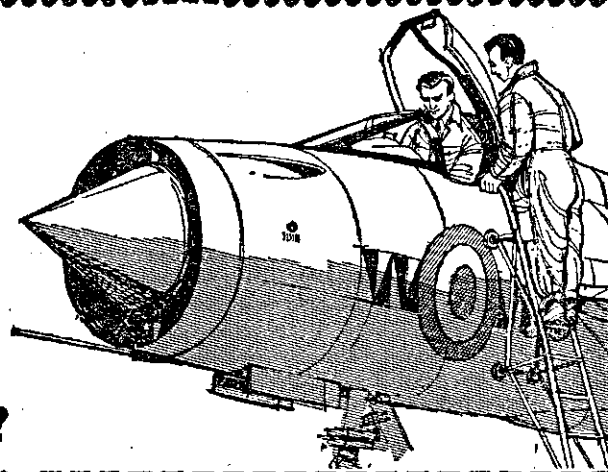
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SPORT

Backyard Batting

ONE of the young batting successes of this season is Geoffrey Boycott of Yorkshire. And, he says, he owes it all to his mother!

In boyhood days Geoffrey learned his cricket in the backyard of his home in Fitzwilliam, near Doncaster. His mother encouraged him by setting up an old bin as the wicket and getting Geoff's brothers to bowl at him.

As the yard was a cobbled one, the ball came off the "pitch" at all sorts of angles and speeds, which must have helped to give Geoff the keen eye and quick footwork expected of anyone who plays for Yorkshire.

WHO WILL MAKE THE 100TH CROSSING?

By the Sports Editor

THE Channel swimming "season" is almost upon us, and during the next few weeks more attempts will be made to cross—in one direction or the other—the 21 miles between England and France.

There have been nearly 800 recorded attempts, but only 95 have been successful. During the coming month, when the water is normally at its warmest, it is quite likely that the 100th conquest of the Channel will be made. Who, of the many swimmers from several countries, will have the honour?



Specially written for CN by Harvey Torbett



LAST week I showed you how to construct a makeshift sea rod. This week we'll have a word about how to catch fish with it.

Once you have made up your rod and reel and threaded your line through the rod rings, slide your float up the line to nearly the depth of the water you intend to fish. The idea is to keep the bait near the sea bed, where most fish feed.

To cock the float you'll need, as I mentioned last week, a spiral lead. Fix this a foot or so below the float—as shown in the diagram—by merely winding the line round the spiral wire clips at each end of the lead, and then clinching them together. If your float refuses to cock properly, you will probably need another spiral lead, though the addition of a couple of swan shots may do the trick.

Now all you have to do is tie on a hook, bait it, and you are ready to fish!

Places like harbour walls, jetties, or rocks are ideal for this kind of tackle, which should withstand the strength of most of the fish you are likely to hook.

The best time to start fishing is about an hour before high tide. The tide may rise strongly where you are staying, so you will need to raise the float at intervals to keep your bait deep in the water. After high tide, reverse the procedure.

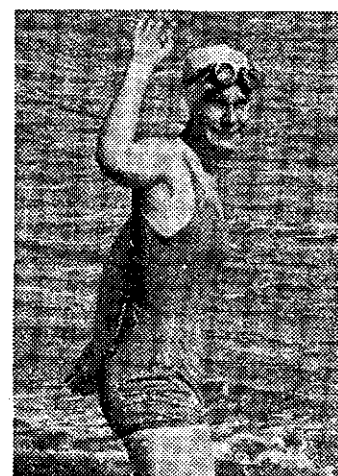
Forget about long casts, provided the water is deep and there isn't too much seaweed. Two rod lengths out should be far enough. Allow the tackle to drift down on the tide, and then, when it is too far away to handle properly, retrieve it and try again. Never be in too much of a hurry to strike. Sea fish are not as fussy about taking a bait as are freshwater fish. Let the float go right under before you strike.

NEXT WEEK: Bread baits.

To cross the Channel doesn't mean putting on bathing dress, plunging into the sea and swimming, swimming, swimming. The attempt is made only after a carefully planned operation which includes keen study of tides and currents, and due consideration of the weather outlook. The swimmer must be prepared to endure long hours in water which, even in August, can be very cold; must also expect to face conditions which, favourable when setting out, have become bad; and have determination and courage enough to keep calm in the water, whatever situation may arise.

It is a costly business, too. There is accommodation to be found during the weeks of final training and waiting for conditions to be right for the attempt; there is the pilot boat and its crew to accompany the swimmer. All these things must be paid for by the swimmer, successful or otherwise.

Claudia McPherson, 17-year-old Canadian schoolgirl, plans to make her attempt next week. She has said that the "swim is costing my parents £1,600." No doubt



Claudia—who failed in her attempt last year—and her parents will feel it was all worth while if she can emulate the feats of another Canadian, Margaret Bell, and of Margaret White, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex, who were both 17 when they swam the Channel. The Essex girl is actually the youngest to have made the crossing, and



Above: A cheery wave from Claudia McPherson.

Left: A snack in mid-Channel.

Below: Success! Margaret Bell, 17-year-old Canadian girl, lands near Dover.

hers was a wonderful effort, for she had to swim through fog so thick that she didn't know the swim was successful until she was a dozen yards from the shore!

FIRST to swim the Channel was an English Merchant Navy man, Captain Matthew Webb, who crossed from Dover to Calais in August, 1875. He was in the sea 21½ hours. Thirty-six years passed before another successful crossing was made, by Tom Burgess, who was in the water nearly an hour longer than Webb. Someone who spent even longer on the swim was H. Sullivan, who in August 1923 took 27 hours 25 minutes! In complete contrast was the effort by Mr. Brojan Das, a Pakistani businessman, who swam from the French coast in the record time of 10 hours 35 minutes.

The greatest feat of endurance was by an Argentinian named Antonio Abertondo, in 1961. He set out from England and swam



Gertrude Ederle (first woman to swim the Channel) and Matthew Webb.

to France; two minutes' rest, and into the water once more. A little over 43 hours after leaving England he had swum back again! Antonio is the only person to have made a double crossing "non-stop."

